# CONTEST GOES ON FROM VALENCIENNES TO MEUSE, FROM OISE TO SERRE

# **EYES OF ALLIED WORLD ON ITALY**

Gen. Diaz Appears to Have Started Major Operations on Brenta and Piave.

**AUSTRIAN MORALE AT TEST** 

Americans in Meuse Sector Take Important Observation Point, Hill 360.

(By Associated Press.)
While the British, French and Americans are slowly breaking their way through the stubborn German defense along the line south of Valenciennes, the attention of the allied world is directed, for the moment at least, to the Italian front, where Gen. Diaz seems to have started a major opera-

Fighting on a large scale appears to have begun on Thursday when the Austrian official statement reported heavy artillery fire from the Brenta river to the Montello plateau. It was reported yesterday that Italian, British and French forces attacked between and French forces attacked between the Brenta and Piave rivers and advanced over rough country for a con-siderable distance. At the same time the allies moved ahead and captured islands in the Piave above the Mon-

Indicate fighting of a serious nature. It is too early to determine whether Gen. Diaz has really begun an offensive or is merely directing an operation which is in the nature of a diversion. It may be that the morale of the Austrian army, which has repeatedly been reported to be a constructed of the construction of the const holding the front in the mountainous of sector may be divided. The number of

tively slow, but it would appear that the railroad between Quesnoy and Valenciennes had been crossed and that the British are in the outskirts of Quesnoy. There is an apparent ef-fort on the part of Field Marshal Haig to avoid a direct assault against the Mormal forest, just to the south, where

north side of the angle line. They have gained at important points, but the Germans are holding their front very

and appear to be forming quite a large th pocket in the German lines on the east-ern side of the Argonne forest. Amer-lean heavy artillery has been pound-carrying men and supplies into France.

ing German concentration points dur-ing the past couple of days.

British divisions in Mesopotamia have resumed their attack against the Turks. Fighting in that region is next o impossible during the heat of sumner. Now that autumn has come, it nay be expected that there will be an effort to form a junction between the orces along the Tigris and those operting north and east of Damascus.

### ALLIED ATTACKS BROKEN

Berlin. Oct. 25.—(Via London.)—The war office statement reads:

"In Flanders fighting on the Lys low-ands continues. The enemy, who penerated the southwestern quarters of Deynze, was thrown back by a counter ttack. Southwest of Deynze we captured arts of a bridgehead which the French and established across the Lys. We beat tack a strong attack of the enemy east of Vive St. Elol and partial attacks between the Lys and the Scheldt and on he Scheldt.

"The destruction by the enemy of laces in the Scheldt lowlands is still proceeding. The interior of the town of courns! has been subjected to British re. The exodus of the population of hose regions toward the east is increasing. Claims German War Office, Reporting

reasing.
"East of Solesmes and Le Cateau the ritish continued their great attacks and xtended them north as far as the cheldt. South of the Scheldt the attacks cheldt. cheldt. South of the Scheldt the attacks roke down before our lines on the eights east of the Ecaillon brook. gainst LeQuesnoy we pressed forward as it as the railway northwest and west of eQuesnoy. Attempts of the enemy to reak through west of LeQuesnoy as well as to the north broke down on the invertention of troops brought up by us om Sepmerles and Villers-Pol.

"The enemy, advancing to the attack gainst the Forest of Mormal on a wide ont, has obtained a footing in Poix-Duord and Fontaine-Au-Bois. He was rought to a standstill west of the Engleontaine-Landrecles road after violent thing.

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is two-thirds of a mile. Greater suciss than this was denied to him notlithstanding the extraordinarily strong
roes which he brought into action.
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iels along the Oise and the Serre and
est of the Aisne. On the Oise the paral thrusts of the enemy were broken
iwn. Between the Oise and the Serre
rong attacks by the French were relised. Wherever the enemy succeeded
penetrating our lines we threw him
ick by counter attacks.
"In the sectors on both sides of Vouers the fighting activity has diminished,
be heights east of Chestres were held
us against renewed violent attacks.
"Partial attacks by the Americans on
the banks of the Meuse were repulsed."

## **DECLINES TO ANSWER**

ar Council Prefers to Await Entente Terms of Armistice. London, Oct. 26.—After a long conferce the German war cabinet at Berlin s decided not to answer President Wil-n's last note, but to leave it to the tente powers to state the terms of an mistice, said a Central News dispatch om Zurich today.

Itish Resume Advance and New Marching Upon Ghent.
Paris, Oct. 25.—The British have overme the strong resistance of the Gerins on the Flanders front, have resumed
eir advance and are now marching upon
ent, said a dispatch to the Petit Jour-

GERMAN WAR CABINET
WAITS TO HEAR ALLIES
Basel, Oct. 26,—(A. P.)—The
German war cabinet considered German war cabinet considered President Wilson's reply at a lengthy session yesterday, according to the Frankfort Zeitung. It was decided not to answer at the present time, but to wait until it is learned what the entente's armistice conditions may be,

# **COMPLETE MONTH** OF HARD FIGHTING

AMERICANS PLAY BIG PART IN ARGONNE BATTLE.

Captured German Cannons Are Turned on Fleeing Foe. Ground Gained.

(By Bert Ford.)
With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 26.—(Night.)—(I. N. S.)—Today marks the comple tion of a month of fighting since Americans started their drive on front between the Argonne forest the Meuse river. It was the American major operation in the since the combats on the St. M salient and previously were of a

nature. The present engagement, which tory will probably call the battle.

Argonne, has seen the Americans fire 2,500,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, and often as high as 150,000

rounds in a day.

They are using guns of all calibre, (number deleted by censor), exclusive of the cannon captured from the Germans and turned back upon the foe.

Four hundred and seventy-five square kilometers of ground have been taken from the general seventy from the general seventy and more than tello plateau.

This stroke was aimed at the angle in the Austrian line which runs from the Adriatic along the Piave until it reaches the mountains and then turns to the west. If the allied attack makes material progress, the Austrian armies on the lowlands near the sea and those believed the fearth of the mountainous.

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Four hundred and seventy-five square kilometers of ground have been taken from the enemy, and more than on the lowlands near the sea and those cores.

in wooded, mountainous country which gave the Germans the advantage of natural defensive barriers. Not only, did the topograph impede the Ameri-cans, but the Germans had also massed every modern piece of war machine at their command in an effort to check Mormal forest, just to the south, where the Germans are solidly entrenched and have countless machine guns and light guns in position. Northeast of Valenciennes the British and French are advancing toward the Scheldt.

The French on the Serre-Oise front have continued their attack on the have continued their attack on the north side of the angle line. They have the important points, but the defenses.

But American pluck and tenacity But American pluck and tenacity won and the defenses were penetrated up to the Freya line, against which the Yanks are now pressing. First important for observation purposes and which was stubbornly defended by the Germans. Near Grandpre the Americans have forged still further ahead the United States forces burst through the United States forces burst through the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the United States forces burst through the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the United States forces burst through the Error was the Hindenburg line, then the Error w

## GERMAN PRESS CONDEMNS

Wilson's Note, But Say It Means a Step Toward Peace.

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Although the German newspapers are not satisfied with President Wilson's latest note, many of them say that it means prog-ress toward peace. This feeling was reflected yesterday in operations on the Berlin stock exchange in an advance in prices. The Kreuz Zeitung, of Berin, however, does not look for an early ending of the war. This newspaper, which hitherto has refrained from opposing President Wilson's demands, posing President Wilson's demands, advocates war to the end. It says the president, "in the style of an American loxer, has posed himself for a last blow in the face of the German people, expressing his intentions with brutal feathers."

"The enemy's attacks yesterday gave m a gain of territory to the depth of silve two-thirds of a mile. Greater suctions than this was denied to him not the part of Germany would make the

m any event, Mr. Wilson errs if he believes the former holders of he believes the former holders of powers in Germany can ever regain their power. Henceforth there will be no power in Germany, but that of the German people. Our opponents who demand the disarming of the German people must realize that a great nation cannot permanently be rendered defenseless. It will be demonstrated at the peace conference whether the war has been merely adjourned or finally ended."

TOO MANY BOCHES. With the British Army on the

With the British Army on the Western Battlefront, Oct. 25.—
(Delayed).—Residents of the Belgian city of Bruges tell many stories of the kaiser's son, Prince Adalbert, who was often in the city, and who was always speaking in English instead of German. On one occasion he entered a public diningroom, and finding it filled with room, and finding it filled with German officers, he turned to his companion and said in English "There are too many boches here," whereupon he engaged

a private diningroom.

# PICTURE CONEY **ISLAND IN RUINS**

Will Give One an Idea of What Zeebrugge German Base Looks Like.

PATHOS OF HOMECOMING

Great Masses of Twisted Wire, Shell Holes and Gun Emplacements Evidences of War.

(By John T. Parkerson.) With the British Army on the Western Battle Front, Oct. 25 .- (6 p. m.)-N. S.)-Picture Coney Island in s and deserted, and one gets an a of what Zeebrugge, until recently of the most important German bmarine bases, looks like.
The famous Zeebrugge lighthouse and all of the bridges and trolley lines

ave been wrecked.

The harbor is filled with ghastly, blackened hulks of British destroyers at the entrance of the canal. The waterway was completely stopped up.

Famous Mole.

The surrounding country, covered with oily water and pitted with shell holes, is covered with twisted wire and trenches. Here and there are great gun emplacements and many concrete "pill boxes" (cement block-houses), with the walls ten feet thick. Off the port is the famous mole where a British submarine was filled with explosives and sunk earlier in the war.

(The mole is a seawall which was built to prevent the Zeebrugge port from filling with tand.)

The only living soul in sight when

tion which is in the nature of a diversion. It may be that the morale of the Austrian army, which has repeatedly been reported to be very low, will be determined by the fighting during the month of fighting 230 German airplanes and twenty-three balloons were shot down.

British troops are continuing their blow at the German line south of the bend of the Scheldt, above Valenciennes. Progress there has been comparatively slow, but it would appear that the railroad between Quesnoy and the month of fighting 230 intact but the ground was strewn with wreckage of searchlights and twenty-three balloons were shot down.

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the North sea coast.)

The scene at Leebrugge was in contrast with the happy picture of Bruges with its historic buildings. But while these buildings had not sustained damage, the population had su Tered. On my way to Bruges, I saw the roads lined with children carrying the kits of Belgian soldiers. Occasionally the parent or sweetheast of a soldiers. the parent or sweetheart of a soldier would meet up with a loved one and a pathetic scene would follow.

Caught in Hiding.

I now two Germans who vero caught hiding in the city. A great crowd had gathered about them and it was said that on the day previous two others had been captured in the suburbs where they had been firing upon automobiles from a clump of bushes.

The great docks at Ruyges had any Freya line, they will menace one The gardens were still filled with fresh

vegetables. The scene in Thourout, yesterday, was like the dawn of a new day. The rebuilding of the city had already begun and the population was rushing through the streets, happy, smiling and businesslike. Some were busy plugging up broken windows and others were cleaning out their homes

and shops, Stores Suffered.

The stores in Bruges suffered badly-when the Germans left. The soldiers making up the rear guards smashed the windows and doors with the butts of their rifles, and removed the valu-ables from the whole countryside. In Menin and Zeebrugge, many per-

German Money.

All of Belgium was flooded with German money. Prices in the restaurants were about twice as high as those in France, but apparently the eating places that catered to the Germans were well supplied with meats, sugar and other essentials.

Alderman Hoestanberghe, official representative of Bruges at the execution of Capt. Fryatt, declared the British seaman died without saying a word.

(Fryatt was condemned to death and executed by the Germans because it was said that his merchant ship had rammed a German submarine.)

An order from Germany came rescinding the death penalty an hour after it had been carried out.

Posters signed by Admiral Von Schroeder, of the German navy, were distributed in Belgium declaring that other sea captains who emulated the exploits of

OFFER PARAMOUNT TO SURRENDER BY TURKS?

London. Oct 16.—The Turk-ish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and Franch ministers to that country an offer of peace virtually amount-ing to surrender, according to a Berne dispatch to the Daily

Mail.
On Special Mission.
Zurich, Oct. 26.—Prince Fredzerick Lobkowitz and Baron Nadherny, who represent the
strongest anti-German tendencies at Vienna, have left that
city for Switzekland charged
with a mission about which no
details are given, according to
the Neues Journal, at Vienna.

# **CAUSES SIMMERING POT** TO BOIL FURIOUSLY

APPEAL FOR CONFIDENCE AROUSES DISCUSSION.

Republicans Indignant and Do Not Hesitate to Express Opinion in Strong Terms.

Washington, Oct. 26.—President Wilson's appeal to the people of the country to return a democratic house and senate as a "vote of confidence in his handling of the war problems, has caused the political pot to boil over. Until the president took action there had been absolutely no interest in the coming election. Today all this is changed. The republican leaders, bitterly resentful of the president's declaration that while, they are all prowarthey also were antiladministration, took steps to assail the president's 1 sitton.

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The 't gun fired last night by Senators Lodge and Smoot, and Representatives Fess and Gliest, denying that this was the president's personal war, and proclaiming the loyalty of the republican party, was to be followed up with a series of official statements answering in detail all of the president's criticisms.

Meanwhile the democratic lead rs were taking advantage at the president's declaration and the national committee made arrangements to send copies of the president's appeal to each individual voter in every dou'tful strength for four years and undoubtedly will make a showing.

The German admiralty has made every effort and used every opportunity to build up the navy, the American said.

German naval activities have been reported in the North sea frequently in the last few days, but all these reports have proved untrue.

Strong scout squadrons are sent out on the slightest "hunch."

The American battle fleet is active, and is doing extensive scouting work.

individual voter in every doubtful

state.

All signs today indicated that during the next week, and even up to election day, Nov. 5, the fight will be carried on with a bitterness that has been absent for some time. Republican leaders who espoused everything that the president has advocated, are agry and declare they will force the walty issue in every possible way. ngry and declare they will force the valty issue in every possible way. The democrats, of course, will meet them half way and there will be an avalanche of oratory in every section of the nation. It is understood that the republican leaders will call upon former Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to directly reply to the president.

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MURDERS CHILDREN

Awful Crime of Woman Crazed by Hus-band's Death. Wallingford, Conn., Oct. 26.—Crazed by the death of her husband from influenza the death of her husband from influenza Mrs. Mary Bustai, widow of August Bustai, murdered two of her small children, slashed the throat of a third and probably fatally wounded herself today at her home in a George street tenement. When intercepted she was about to end the lives of two other children and cut her own threat as the was restricted by one of throat as she was restrained by one of

Capt. Fryatt would be accordingly pun-The Germans exacted from 15 to 20,000 In Menin and Zeebrugge, many persons who had refused to comply with the German order to give up their wool marks each for not changing their mattresses, were found in prisons.

When the allied advance began on the Flanders front, the Germans told the Flanders front is resolved to act accordance in their new drive have made orders they were heavily fined, and their government is resolved to act accordance in the forces in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in their new drive have made taken its stand on his messages, the government is resolved to act accordance in the force in the principles and down by President Wilson.

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German Orders.

The aldermanic committee preserved copies of all of the German orders, the month of the copies of all of the German orders, the death of Capt. Fryatt, a British seaman.

One order is dated Oct. 1, 1918, and cautioned the people of Bruges to ramain quiet. It said that the smallest riot or disorder would be answered by heavy artillery fire against the quarter where it originated. All civilians were ordered to remain in their homes from 8 in the evening until 8 in the morning. Those found in the streets would be fired upon. In nearly all instances the orders prescribed death penalties for violations, and were signed by "der kommandant."

German Money.

Strict Censorship.

The censorship was both strict and stupid. Civilians were not allowed to telesgraph outside of their zone, and violations brought the death threat.

The stupidity of the German domination was described by a publisher, who submitted a printed collection of sermons by a celebrated French ecclesiastic, Bishop and the commandant in their homes from 8 in the evening until 8 in the morning. Those found in the streets would be fired upon. In nearly all instances the orders prescribed death penalties for violations, and were signed by "der kommandant."

RAIN, SAYS BILLY 'POSSIIM



# LOOKS FOR DASH BY GERMAN FLEET

Admiralty Has Kept Fleet Up to Standard During Four Years.

**BIG SEA BATTLE PROBABLE** 

Thousands of Vessels Tugging at Their Chains-Personnel Eager for Encounter.

(By D. M. Edwards.)

A Port in Scotland, Night, Oct. 25.—

(I. N. S.)—The German high seas flect s expected to dash out momentarily by American and British naval offi

The grand fleet must come out within the next month or delay its operations until spring. If the battle comes between the Germans and allied fleets, it will be the most desperate that the imagination can picture. If the whole German fleet

should make a dash, it would mean something approximating 2,000 ships engaged, and possibly 3,000 According to the opinions of officers, Admiral Beatty has been quoted as saying that he was certain that the German fleet would come out from its

refuge for battle.

An American naval officer was quoted as saying that the German fleet would have to come out during the next month or stay in its haven until spring.

Strong scout squadrons are sent out on the slightest "hunch."

The American battle fleet is active, and is doing extensive scouting work. The vhole personnel of the grand signment not announced. fleet is electrified and eager to jump Tennesseans on N in any direction at the slightest warn-

In the grand fleet are thousands of vessels "champing at their chains." Every man and every ship is ready on the instant for battle. The vessels are in magnificent trim. The greatest comradeship prevails between the British and American naval officers.

### **SOLF DEFENDS ACTIONS**

In vatican circles here is that Emeror organization, visited Tournal, Valen- Eighty-fourth division is just arriving Charles of Austria and his family are ciennes and Denain on Oct. 18 and re- in France; the 313th infantry is part

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### EGRI PALANKI FALLS

"Love Freely" is
the slogan of the
bolsheviki crew.
(At least today's
dispatches say this
awful thing is
true), for the law
is quite explicit.

French troops passed into Bulgaria last week, reaching the Danube river at Vidin. FLU AT END IN MEXICO

# VIENNA PRESS REFERS TO DEMOBILIZATION PLAN

Basel, Oct. 26.—Vienna news-papers are publishing articles relative to preparations for de-mobilizing the army. One newsaper says that two infantry regiments stationed at Kar-lowitz have revolted. Karlowitz is a village in Croatia-Slavonia,

# SEVEN THOUSAND SQUARE MILES GAINED SINCE JULY

HUNS EVACUATED OR BEEN DRIVEN OUT THAT AREA.

GenO March Announces Five Officers Will Return From From Overseas for Duty.

Washington, Oct. 26 .- Summarizing

he situation of the western battle

front, Gen. March said the Germans

have evacuated or been driven out of 7,000 square miles of Belgian and French territory since July 18; that 400 the recommendation of Gen. Pershing to take important assignments here. They are Maj.-Gen. Omar Bundy, who organized and commanded the Fifth army corps and who will go to command Camp Pike, Ark.; Clarence R. Edwards, who took to France the Twenty-sixth (New England National guard) division, and who will be assigned to command Camp Lee, Virginia; John E. McMahon, who com-

manded the Fifth (regular) division and who will be assigned to Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky; Geo. H. Cameron, who commanded first the Fourth (regular) division, and later the Second army corps, new assignment not announced, and Beaumont B. Buck, recently awarded the distinguished service cross for gallantry in action at which time he was wounded, new asgnment not announced.

Tennesseans on Meuse.

Among American divisions on the line, Gen. March identified the Seventy-ninth (Pennsylvania, Maryland and District of Columbus); Eightieth (Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania); Thirty-third (Illinois); Eightysecond (Georgia, Alabama and

Thirty-third (Illinois); Eightysecond (Georgia, Alabama and
Tennesseo) as being east of the
Meuse. West of the Meuse are the
Seventy-sixth (New England and
New York); Seventy-eighth (New
York, New Jersey and Delaware);
Seventy-seventh (New York City
and vicinity; Thirty-second
(Michigan and Wisconsin; Fiftyeighth (——)

Dr. Solf also said that it had been reported to him that German authoresistics had tried to protect the people of ion depot; the 313 field artillery is part of the front north of Valenciennes. South of Valenciennes the British have gained new successes on the borders of the Mormal forest, apturthose cities against plundering and of the Eightieth division on the line that efforts had been made to safe- east of the Meuse; the Thirty-third guard food supplies and save art treas- division is on the line east of the a is on the line east of the British pawols have progressed north of the 222nd field artillery is part Thirty-second division and is on a between the Meuse and the between the Meuse and the Held Against Enemy. Only men of military age had been of the Thirty-second division and is on removed forcibly, Dr. Solf asserted, and the line between the Meuse and the even then exceptions had been made Argonne; the Fifty-eighth infantry was in the cases of physicians, clergymen, in action on the Vesle during August; firemen, policemen and those employed the 106th infantry participated in the

### IN GRIP OF STORM

Heavy Rain and Snowstorm Rages in Northwest Kansas.

Smith Center Kan., Oct. 26.—Northwest Kansas is in the grip of a heavy snowstorm today, following a two-inell rain yesterday and last night. The temperature is below freezing and today's storm has practically suspended business.

HAYS ADDS CRITICISM.

Mexico City, Oct. 26.—Spanish influenza, is epidemic in virtually all parts of the republic, except the extreme south and a few of the Pacific coast states. Newspapers estimate the number of cases here at 60,000, but the death rate is low.

The spread of the disease to the Tampico oil regions seriously menaces the oil industry. The mining city of Pachuca proports many cases, with a high death rate.

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# ON MEUSE FRONT

Germans Resist Hardily, but Allies Continue Substantial Progress in Drive.

15,000 IN FOUR DAYS

Record of Captures-Huns' Total Losses of Effectives, Fifty Thousand.

Paris, Oct. 26,-The battle has flamed up again and heavy fighting now is under way from Valenciennes to the Meuse. The Germans are fighting well everywhere, but the allies continue to make substantial progress in the task of driving back the enemy on the

Meuse line.

Although the recent fighting has French territory since July 18; that 400 square miles have been freed during the past week, and that all the coal effect which, apart from the ground the past week, and that all the coal fields in northern France have been reconquered except for a five-mile tract where the allied advance now is being pressed near the Belgian border.

Gen. March announced that five American corps and division commanders who have been actively enhanced in France have been actively enhanced in France have been actively enhanced in France have been less than 56,000. Strictly speaking, there are three large battles speaking, there are three large battles in progress, all of which are being con-ducted with equal success for the allies. The first is being carried on by the British third and fourth armies which, pushing on toward Mons, have reached the Valenciennes-Hirson double track railroad. The second is the attack of Gen. Mangin north and east of Laon, which has resulted in a gain on a which has resulted in a gain on a front of eight miles for a depth of two miles. He has carried his line out of the swamps around Sissons. The third battle is being fought by Gen, Guillaumott on a front of seventeen miles from Sissonne to Chateau Porcin, where the Hunding line joins the Kriemhilde system of defenses. The average gain has been a mile, although average gain has been a mile, although at some points the advance has been greater.

Paris, Oct. 26.—On the Serre front southwest of Marie, the French have captured the village of Mortiers after violent fighting, the war office an-nounces. Between Sissonne and Cha-teau Porcien the French, breaking up the enemy resistance, carried their line forward on a front of four and onehalf miles to a depth of two miles at certain points through the positions prepared by the Germans in 1917.

Progress in Belgium.

London, Oct. 26.—A new allied attack was begun on the Belgian front on Friday and excellent progress was made. The blow fell between the Lysriver and the Scheldt and the British war office early today announced important continue. portant captures, despite desperate

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The French captured Chateau Soulte and reached Blawpoort farm, on the Waereghem-Anseshem road.

The British captured Engoghiem and Ooteghen, and are advancing on the Scheldt river in that region.

The 319th infantry is part of the front north of Valenciennes. South of Valenciennes the British ing Mount Carmel hill and Englefon-

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 26.—(2 p. m.)—The gains made Friday by the American in the cases of physicians, clergylood, firemen, policemen and those employed in supplying food,

Referring to questions asked on the previous day, the foreign secretary said the government emphatically repudiated any doubt of its intention on the line east of the Meuse; the honestly to carry out the principles laid down by President Wilson. He added:

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the Bourgogne wood Hun Resistance Broken.
Paris, Oct. 26.—(Noon.)—All German resistance has been broken over a wide front east of Laon and at some points the French have advanced nearly two miles, the war office anpoints

nounced today. Mount Carmel Captured. London, Oct. 26.—(11:30 a. m.)— Pressing forward on a wide front on both sides of Valenciennes, the British have captured Mont Carmel, Engleson-taine, Odomez and Maulde, the war office announced today. A number of prisoners were taken,

### FRENCH BROAD FLOODED

Three Railroad Bridges Washed Away
—Other Damage.
Asheville, N. C., Oct. 26.—French
Broad river here went down two feet Will Talk Later of Wilson's Appeal to People.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Commenting last night on President Wilson's appeal to the people to return a democratic congress in the November elections if they approve of his course, Col. Theodore Roosevelt said:

"The president's statement is an anorth of the ports received here form."

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IN CRIP OF CYCORS tawba river are to the effect that this river this morning was still rising and considerable damage had been done. In Morganton there was six inches of rainfall and nearly seven inches at Lenoir and about five and one-half inches at Banner Elk. No further damage has been reported by the Southern railway excepting that the heavy ains have caused the trains

# to be somewhat delayed, but tile seri-ous damage has been experienced.